

NOTICE OF PROPOSED ACTION

by the

U.S. Environmental Protection Agency
Region 9 (WTR-5)
75 Hawthorne Street
San Francisco, CA 94105

PUBLIC NOTICE NO. _____ **DATE:** August 17, 2006 (pending)

The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, Region 9 (USEPA), is issuing a notice of proposed action under the Clean Water Act (CWA). The USEPA is proposing to issue a National Pollution Discharge Elimination System (NPDES) permit to:

Upper Village of Moenkopi of the Hopi Indian Nation
P.O. Box 1229
Tuba City, Arizona 86045

The NPDES permit No. AZ0024619 is for the proposed discharge of the Upper Village of Moenkopi Wastewater Treatment and Reclamation Facility (WTRF) currently under construction. The WTRF will be a new municipal facility located off of Highway 160, within the Moenkopi District of the Hopi Indian Reservation, near Tuba City, Arizona. The facility will serve the Upper Village of Moenkopi population of 900 to 1,850, receiving only domestic sewage with a design flow of 0.185 million gallons per day. Plant construction is anticipated to be completed at the end of 2006 with discharge to begin in 2007. The WTRF will provide secondary treatment, and consists of raw screening and vortex grit removal, parallel activated sludge sequencing batch reactor basins, aerobic sludge digestion, effluent flow equalization, tertiary sand filtration and disinfection. Final treated effluent will be kept in an effluent storage tank where it can either be piped to local farmers in the Valley for irrigation, or off-loaded to tanker trucks to be used for dust control in the Village. Overflow of the effluent will be discharged to a designated Outfall No. 001 into Moenkopi Wash, a tributary to the Little Colorado River. Any sampling and monitoring under the proposed permit shall be performed at Outfall No. 001.

The Administrative Record, including the permit application, draft permit, fact sheet, comments received (if any), and other relevant documents and data sent by the applicant for the permit, is available for review and may be obtained by calling or writing the contact listed below. Interested persons may submit written comments on the draft permit during the public comment period to contact listed below. All comments or objections received within 30 days from the date of this notice will be retained and considered in the formulation of the final determinations regarding the permit.

Upon issuance of a final permit decision and response to comments, the USEPA will notify the applicant and persons who submitted written comments or requested notice of

the final permit decision. If no comments are submitted on the draft permit, the final permit will become effective three (3) days from the date of mailing. If comments are submitted on the draft permit, the final permit will become effective 33 days from the date of mailing, unless a petition is filed with the Environmental Appeals Board (EAB) to review any conditions of the final permit. Persons filing a request for review must have filed comments on the draft permit or participated in a public hearing.

When public interest warrants, USEPA may schedule a public hearing or may grant an extension of the comment period for the submittal of comments or objections.

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